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1. Attended a meeting under the chairmanship of Col. White, including Messrs. Saunders, [REDACTED] and Hansen. At this meeting it was pointed out that a building could not be built for \$38,000,000 on the Nevius tract in conformity with the necessary architectural plans of the National Capital Park and Planning Commission. The Public Building Service proposed drawings for the Nevius tract were too ornate and would not come within the monetary authorization. The Director is opposed to the Langley site as being too distant. PBS was therefore offering a site on the Old Soldiers' Home for consideration. It was agreed that certain specific questions should be answered regarding each proposed site as to distance from the White House, travel time, transportation and the general residential distribution of CIA employees, and that specific recommendations on a preferred site should then be made to the Director. Once agreement on a site has been reached, an appropriate building can be designed and specifications set forth. STATINTL

Mr. Pforzheimer pointed out that the plan urging that these steps be taken had been submitted to DD/A on 19 November, that two-months' time had now been lost with no decisions reached, and that time was pressing, as the Director could not commence "court-ing" key appropriations figures until we had more definite information.

Mr. Saunders stated that our requests for construction appropriation would be included in the Defense supplemental appropriation, which would be sent to the Hill in March.

It was agreed that the full \$38,000,000 should be requested at that time.